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Parade handout

Fourth of July Celebration

MARGERY PARCHER'S LEGACY

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Between 1961 and 1984 Margery Parcher's yellow 1953 MG TD was a familiar sight on Duxbury streets. Mrs. Parcher loved Duxbury--the town, the beach, and especially the people. She was involved in many activities for both adults and children. She is remembered as a kind, funny and generous person with the ability to live life fully.

Margery Parcher's friends describe her as a warm, loving person who had a gift for making friends and putting people at ease. She was a painter, an avid tennis player, and a warm, caring mother. Mrs. Parcher believed in strong families and thought of the Fourth of July as a time for families to celebrate the birth of our nation together. Her red Cape Cod house at 562 Washington St. was the scene of an annual Fourth of July party on the front lawn where friends and family could gather to socialize, remember and, of course, enjoy the parade.

When Margery Parcher died in 1984, her children, Alison, Rich, Chip and Willy Berglund, wanted an appropriate memorial for their mother. Because the parade had been a big part of the family's life, they asked for contributions to the parade fund in lieu of flowers or other donations. Contributions that year came to nearly \$5,000. Like today, the town was and still is supporting the parade, but costs were escalating and the Margery Parcher fund was used to supplement town funds and pay for expenses exceeding the town appropriation.

This year many Duxbury citizens have already contributed to the fund. If you would like to help continue the generous spirit of Margery Parcher and her family, you can still make a contribution to The Margery Parcher Fund, c/o The Board of Selectman, Duxbury Town Hall, Duxbury, Ma. 02332.

